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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: OIL CONCESSIONS IN IRAN

1. AT THE URGENT REQUEST OF SENATOR FULBRIGHT, THE ACTING SECRETARY RECEIVED CHARLES MURPHY OF MURPHY OIL COMPANY DECEMBER 13TH. MURPHY REQUESTED THAT THE EMBASSY ARRANGE AN AUDIENCE WITH THE SHAH DURING THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 4 FOR MURPHY, FRANCIS HARTLEY OF UNION OIL, AND ROBERT SHARMBAGH OF SUN OIL TO DISCUSS NEW CONCESSION ARRANGEMENTS.

2. MURPHY SAID HE HAD BEEN TOLD SHAH WANTED TO MEET WITH COMPANIES PRIOR TO NEGOTIATIONS AND THAT FOLLOWING MEETING HE WOULD GIVE INSTRUCTIONS TO OIL MINISTRY OR AHMUZEGAR.

3. THE ACTING SECRETARY SAID WE WERE EAGER TO SEE US COMPANIES GET CONCESSIONS. AT SAME TIME, EMBASSY AND DEPARTMENT HAD TO AVOID APPEARANCE OF FAVORING ONE AMERICAN FIRM IF OTHER AMERICAN FIRMS IN COMPETITION. HE SAID HE WOULD CONSULT WITH AMBASSADOR HELMS AND LET MURPHY KNOW AMBASSADOR'S THOUGHTS.

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4. ACTION REQUESTED: UNLESS YOU PERCEIVE REASONS TO DO

OTHERWISE EMBASSY SHOULD REQUEST AUDIENCE FOR THIS GROUP.

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